

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 23-35, 37-40 and 42 without prejudice, and replace them with new claims 43-61.

1-42. (Canceled).

43. (New) A bubble generating assembly comprising:
a housing having a non-movable element secured to the housing;
a trigger mechanism;
a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the non-movable element;
means for delivering bubble solution to the ring; and
a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved against the non-movable element.

44. (New) The assembly of claim 43, further including:
a motor operatively coupled to the trigger mechanism;
an air generator coupled to the motor and directing air towards the ring; and
a gear system coupled to the motor and applying pressure to the tubing to cause bubble solution to be delivered from the container to the ring.

45. (New) The assembly of claim 43, wherein the delivering means includes:
a container coupled to the housing and retaining bubble solution, the container having an interior; and
a tubing that couples the interior of the container with the ring.

46. (New) The assembly of claim 45, wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism simultaneously causes (i) the air generator to direct air towards the ring, (ii) the gear system to deliver bubble solution from the container to the ring, and (iii) the ring to move against the non-movable element.

47. (New) The assembly of claim 43, wherein release of the trigger will cause the ring to move away from the non-movable element.

48. (New) The assembly of claim 43, wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism simultaneously causes (i) the delivering means to deliver bubble solution to the ring, and (ii) the ring to move away from the non-movable element.

49. (New) The assembly of claim 45, wherein the delivering means further includes the trigger mechanism, at least one rotating pressure roller and a guide wall, the pressure roller having a base section and an upper section that has a smaller diameter than the base section, with the tubing positioned between the upper section of the pressure roller and the guide wall when the trigger mechanism is not actuated, and with the tubing positioned between the base section of the pressure roller and the guide wall when the trigger mechanism is actuated.

50. (New) The assembly of claim 49, wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism pushes the pressure roller towards the guide wall such that the tubing is moved from the upper section to the base section of the pressure roller.

51. (New) The assembly of claim 43, further including a bubble solution container which is removably coupled to the housing.

52. (New) The assembly of claim 43, wherein the ring is positioned inside the housing.

53. (New) The assembly of claim 44, wherein the housing has a front opening, with the ring positioned adjacent the front opening, and the air generator includes a fan, and a wind tunnel that extends from the fan to adjacent the front opening.

54. (New) The assembly of claim 51, further including a collection funnel positioned below the ring, with the container being removably coupled to the collection funnel so that droplets received on the collection funnel can flow into the container.

55. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein the ring has an interior chamber and an opening communicating with the interior chamber and through which the tubing extends, and a plurality of outlets on the front surface through which bubble solution can flow out.

56. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein the trigger mechanism has an electrical contact that removably couples the motor to actuate the motor, and a resilient member that normally biases the electrical contact away from the motor.

57. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein the link assembly includes:
a link element connected to the trigger mechanism;
a guide bar positioned on the link element, the guide bar having a guide surface;
a pivot bar pivotably coupled to the housing, the pivot bar have a front end that is attached to the ring, and a guide leg that slidably engages the guide surface;
a resilient member coupled to the pivot bar and normally biasing the pivot bar to pivot in a first direction; and
wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the guide leg to slide along the guide surface to overcome the bias of the resilient member, so that the pivot bar pivots in a second direction.

58. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein the ring experiences a curved movement as the ring moves against the non-movable element.

59. (New) The assembly of claim 53, further including an air control system that has a cover element which is adjusted to cover selected portions of the air generator to vary the amount of air provided to the air generator.

60. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein the ring experiences a semi-circular movement as the ring moves against the non-movable element.

61. (New) A bubble generating assembly comprising:
a housing having a non-movable wiping bar secured to a portion of the housing;
a trigger mechanism;
a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the non-movable wiping bar; and
a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved in a curved manner from a first position to a second position across the wiping bar.